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October 25, 1999

Re: <u>Second and Final Notice for Payment of Permit Fees, Minerals Regulatory Program</u>

## Dear Permittee:

On June 30, 1999, we sent you a notice that the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining was again implementing the collection of annual permit fees as authorized by the Utah State Legislature during its 1998 legislative session. The purpose of the fee collection is to provide funding for additional program support in processing and maintaining mining and exploration permit applications. A billing statement was enclosed with the notice directing you to return your assessed permit fee by July 31,1999. All operators with active permits on file with this office were notified accordingly. To date, our records indicate we have not received your payment. The enclosed "delinquency notice" is being sent as a courtesy to remind you that your fee payment is now overdue.

Because we have not been notified otherwise, we must assume that your original billing notice was misplaced or mistakenly discarded. Please detach and return the lower portion of the enclosed *second* billing notice along with your check or money order for the assessed fee.

All permit fees which remain uncollected 30 days after the enclosed billing notice due date will be turned over to the Utah Office of Debt Collection (ODC) for further action. An operator's failure to pay permit fees will also suspend his authorization to conduct exploration and/or mining operations.

The following rates and supplemental costs will be applied to delinquent accounts that are referred to the ODC for collection:

- ► Penalty 8% of the outstanding receivable
- ► Interest 8% per annum on the unpaid balance
- ► Collection fee 12.75%

In addition to the assessment of delinquency payment penalties, the Division may pursue legal proceedings before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to formally revoke your permit. Permit revocation would terminate your permit and your authorization to explore and/or mine the lands under the approved permit. However, you would retain full reclamation responsibility for all outstanding surface disturbances created on the site(s).

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Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. If you have questions or concerns with this notice or believe you have been billed in error, please contact me at (801) 538-5306, Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor at (801) 538-5286, or Joelle Burns, Engineering Technician at (801) 538-5291.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright

Associate Director, Mining

jb Enclosure: Delinquency Notice

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